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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

I am a consumer of health care services and very concerned about the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999. I do not approve of it in its present form.

Right now, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. The MOU must be amended! I live in Illinois, but I receive specially compounded hormones from a pharmacy in Wisconsin because there is no comparable provider in Illinois that meets my requirements. The MOU as currently written endangers the quality of my health by impairing my freedom to choose what is best for me.

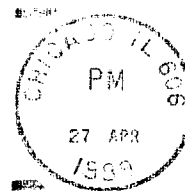
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Davis".

cc: Representative Davis
Senators Durbin and Fitzgerald [via e-mail]

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